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committee amendments, as stated. Revenue Committee, Sen...Chairman Landis of that committee, you're recognized to open on them.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Change the term "assessors who are state employees" to "state employees carrying out the duties of county assessors." There are no assessors as state employees. That is to say, that designation is not used for the state employees. It's really a function. And so it's better to describe by saying "state employees carrying out the duties of county assessors," because they aren't county assessors, and they aren't identified inside the state system as assessors. Referring to the annual course of training, and to the holders of county assessor certificates in instances where the reference is to continuing education. So what we actually have is two systems of training. One is a continuing education obligation. One is an annual training put on by the Department of Property Tax Administrator's Office. One of them is cheap and one of them is expensive. And the expensive one will become cheap in time. So what will happen is, we will let the dual system occur for the next two years; then we will collapse them both into the continuing education rather than the annual course of training, because by that time the continuing education will be cheap and available. It also is sent out throughout the state, as opposed to the annual training which is only done in Lincoln. This will allow for counties to have the cheapest form of education for the next couple of years, and then to get us into a place where they'll have not only an accessible form of training, but also a cheap form of training, in two years' time. And in the meantime, state employees and county assessors who are doing essentially the same function will be treated alike. What Senator Erdman was concerned with is goose v. gander." And this committee amendment carries out his goal. It also achieves some virtue with respect to getting the cheapest training for the next few years, and then collapsing what are two sort of repetitive or redundant processes with the sunset of the annual training. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments by Chairman Landis of the Revenue Committee. Open for discussion on those amendments to